

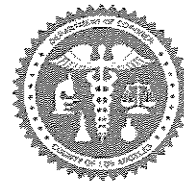


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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

1104 N. MISSION RD., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90033



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January 9, 2007

Agenda Date: January 30, 2007

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF A MULTI PURPOSE X-RAY SYSTEM
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER
(ALL DISTRICTS – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15301(a) and Class 1, Subsection (d) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Authorize the purchase and installation of a multi-purpose x-ray system at an estimated cost not to exceed \$700,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In approving the recommended actions, your Board is authorizing the purchase of a multi-purpose x-ray system, a major fixed asset piece of equipment for the Department of Coroner. Pursuant to Board policy adopted and effective October 16, 2001, which requires Board approval prior to a department's purchase or finance of any equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater, approval by your Board is required prior to submitting a requisition to the Purchasing Agent.

Accreditations:

*National Association of Medical Examiners
California Medical Association-Continuing Medical Education
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education*

*American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified*

Law and Science Serving the Community

X-rays are critical in supporting the department's mission of determining cause and manner of death. The Department's existing x-ray machine has been in operation over thirty (30) years. Due to the longevity of the machine and its exposure to daily wear and tear, obtaining maintenance/repair service and replacement parts has been costly and problematic for the Department. Approval by your Board will enable the Department to replace the x-ray machine with up to date digital technology, thus, enhancing processing time and accuracy of cause of death determinations. In addition, this state-of-the-art digital technology will eliminate the use of x-ray films developing costs and storage, which will result in on-going cost savings to the Department.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations support the County's Strategic Plan:

Goal No. 1 Service Excellence

Goal No. 2 Fiscal Responsibility

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost of the new x-ray machine is \$700,000. Funding for this equipment is included in the Department's approved LAC-CAL budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

FISCAL AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board approved the classification categories for fixed assets and new requirements for major fixed asset acquisitions whereby departments are required to obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater, prior to the submission of requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

This multi-purpose x-ray system will be used to assist the Coroner with its mandated function of determining cause and manner of death.

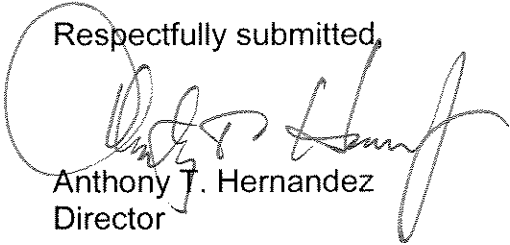
CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of this equipment falls under the statutory authority of the Internal Services Department (ISD) Purchasing Agent. Upon approval by your Board, a requisition will be submitted to ISD.

CONCLUSION

When approved, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors is requested to return one stamped copy of the approved Board Letter to the Department of Coroner, attn: Elizabeth Seung, Contracts Manager.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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c: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Internal Services Department
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner